to contribute towards the pay of a scientific officer. Government have been giving Rs. 1,000 a year towards the pay of Mr. Anstead, but he has not been able to devote much attention to Mysore coffee. The Mysore Planters' Association have decided to appoint another officer as an assistant to Mr. Anstead who will have his headquarters in the Planting Districts and who will pay special attention to Mysore coffee.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—It seems to be more desirable to select one of the assistants to Dr. Coleman and make him study the diseases of coffee. The Government will have no control over the officer of the Association.

Mr. Pilkington.—The diseases of coffee have not been studied by any scientist and require special investigation.

Reply of Government.—After assuring ourselves that the proposed assistant to the Scientific Officer specially engaged by the Planters' Association will be useful to native planters in Mysore also, we shall see whether some aid can be given.

SUBJECT No. 126.

Veterinary Hospitals.

Messrs. Krishnappa, Devanhalli Municipality, K. S. Santanamiengar, Closepet Municipality, Lingappa, Harihar Sub-taluk, and Gundappa and Ramanuja Iyengar, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Too frequently cattle in these parts die from diseases for want of proper treatment. Agriculture is the staple occupation in the State. Many people having lost their cattle from diseases and not being in a position to purchase new ones for want of funds are subjected to great hardship. There are veterinary hospitals at the headquarters of districts, and there are not sufficient facilities to go from the taluk to the district headquarters for seeking aid. It would therefore be a great relief to the people and the cattle, if veterinary hospitals are established at the headquarters of every taluk. The cost of salary to the Veterinary Officer may be met from the Local Fund Budget, and that of medicines from the Municipal allotment, only trained men in Veterinary Science being deputed for such work. This will promote agriculture and confer a boon on the public.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Will be done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 127.

Margosa seeds, etc., to be sold as forest produce.

Mr. Hutchaviregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The right of collecting margosa seed, ಇಪ್ಪೆಹೂವು (the flower of *bassia latifolia*), and ತೂವರೆಯಲೆ (leaves of a kind of ebony), from forests, Amrut Mahal Kavals and Government waste lands may be profitably sold by auction just like tangadi and other barks. These are exported largely in the Tumkur District to the adjacent parts of British territory and much profit is made. These products from District Forests are not included in *pasare* sales.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao. *Thopare yélé* is used in tying *beedis* and if they are not allowed to be collected

free, some poor people will be deprived of their occupation. Margosa seeds are used in extracting some medicinal oil.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 128.

Prevention of the high rate of cattle mortality in the malnad.

Mr. Puttanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Steps may be taken for the prevention of the heavy mortality of cattle occurring every year in the malnad.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 129.

Supply of breeding bulls to veterinary hospitals.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The representation made during the last session of the Assembly for attaching a breeding bull and a stallion to each veterinary dispensary, seems to have produced no effect as yet. The orders of Government may be communicated early.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—Two different kinds of bulls are necessary, one for improving the milking stock and the other for improving the breed of draught bullocks. Amrut Mahal and Hallikar bulls will produce good draught oxen, but the cows do not yield much milk nor are the heifers suitable for ploughing purposes. The cost of maintenance may be recouped by levying a small fee for serving.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered. Under Standing Orders, five Amrut Mahal bulls are supplied to each district for sale to private individuals at half price for breeding purposes and applications may be made accordingly.

SUBJECT No. 130.

The irrigation cess.

Mr. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The inconveniences experienced by ryots holding lands under tanks, on which irrigation cess is levied, are not removed. The irrigation cess levied in a local area should therefore be utilised for works within the area only.

Reply of Government.—At present District Boards have been given the privilege of considering District Budgets so that local needs may be suitably provided for. If the system works well, it will be gradually extended so as to allow the Taluk Board to send its own Budget for consideration to the District Board.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Abolition of the irrigation fund and the levy of contribution from the ryots for the repairs of tanks.

Mr. Bhishto Virupaksha Nadigar, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—These charges are levied only in this State but are not imposed in British India and in the other Native States. They may be abolished early. Even contribution for repairs are asked for.

Reply of Government.—The members were requested to bring separately to the notice of Government, the cases in which they state contributions for repairs were asked and not merely for restoration or enlargement of works.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Tax on *kanas*.

Messrs. Chikka Ramanna, Byregowda, and Dodda Vembralliah, Kolar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Solicit early orders abolishing the tax on *kanas*.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.